



# Ceramics Open Studio Information Packet

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**Artists' Exchange Open Studio** was created so that ceramic artists can have access to our ceramic equipment and facilities in order to have the freedom to create their artwork.

Our facilities include a handbuilding studio, 10 pottery wheels, a clay extruder, pug mill, Raku Kiln and 3 electric kilns (up to cone 6). We offer shelf space for storing all of your work and materials.

We also offer different levels of Open Studio memberships that include various member perks including shelf space, clay and glaze materials, firing and more studio access.

Open Studio runs on scheduled days and times, which, on occasion are subject to change due to AE scheduling.

## Open Studio Hours

**Tuesday 4 - 8pm**

**Wednesday 4 – 8pm**

**Thursday 4 - 8pm**

**Saturday 1 - 5pm**

## OPEN STUDIOS

\$10/ 4-hour Open Studio

\$5/month Storage Shelf Rental

All of your personal tools clay, glaze and artwork must be stored on your own shelf. If you need more space, you may rent more than one shelf. (Open studio Fee's do not include materials or firing outlined on Page 3)

### **Flex-Account**

\$50 per Flex punch Card (\$70 value)

For the busy potter who doesn't know when they will be able to come to regularly to open studios. This membership is engineered to be flexible with your schedule.

- 7 Open studios for the price of 5 (Does not Include 5\$ per month Shelf Rental)

## DIRECTED OPEN STUDIO

\$75/ 2hr private lesson. *\$30 per additional person if you bring a friend*

Designed for individuals of all ages who want to learn the art and craft of ceramics, but need a flexible schedule. Students will have the opportunity to work in the clay studio at their own pace with the guidance of an experienced ceramic teaching artist. Students will come into Directed Open Studio with ideas, projects to accomplish or skills they wish to learn such as:

- Tile making
- Slab/Coil building
- Sculpture
- Hand-built pottery
- Throwing on the pottery wheel

## Materials

Materials are the most important part of Ceramics! Here at Artists' Exchange we use Sheffield's basic Cone 06-02 white earthenware clay and their Cone 06-02 terra cotta both of which work very well with our variety of commercial brand glazes. We offer both underglaze and glaze options in every color of the rainbow.

*White Clay or Terra Cotta Clay:* 12.5lbs: \$12 | 25lb bag: \$20 | 50lb box: \$40

*Glaze:* \$6 per 4oz container

*Clay/Glaze Package:* \$45 - 25lbs of clay, your choice of white or terracotta, plus use of all studio low fire glazes

## Firing Costs

Pieces UNDER 6" wide or tall:

Single piece - \$2

½ kiln shelf - \$6

Full kiln shelf - \$12

Pieces 7" – 12" wide or tall:

Single piece - \$6

½ kiln shelf - \$12

Full shelf - \$24

Full Kiln - \$65

*Pieces more than 12" will be considered as two pieces and will be charged as such.*

For each "group" of work – single item, multiple items or entire kiln—you must fill out the ORANGE firing form. These can be found above the fire hydrant by the kiln room. After payment, please leave the form and your work on the shelves in front of the kilns.

***\*\*Artists' Exchange is not responsible for any work damaged during firing for any reason.\*\****

## Payment

*In person:* To pay for Open Studio, membership or materials in person, you may drop in during an open studio where the studio monitor will assist you in your transaction. If no studio monitor is available to help you, please drop in to the café where one of our staff will process your transaction.

*By phone:* Please call Artist's Exchange during business hours from 9am – 5pm M-F. One of our staff will be happy to help process your credit card payment (\$2 fee for over the phone payment)

## SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY

- **All students and OS members are responsible for cleaning the space they work in before they leave. This includes: all tools, wheel, chair, floor under & around wheel and work space, table, wall if applicable.**
- **Clay and glaze is to be WASHED off ALL surfaces with a WET sponge to avoid making dust.**
- **Please no food or drink in clay studio.**
- **Wet wash floor ONLY with sponge or mop. DO NOT SWEEP.**
- **AE is alarmed and will do everything possible to keep all student work safe. AE is not responsible for the loss or destruction of student or Open Studio work before, during or after firing.**
- **The gate to the kiln area must be closed at all times.**
- **Only AE staff are allowed to load and unload the kilns.**

# MEMBERSHIP

Artists' Exchange wants you to spend as much time creating as you would like. We offer monthly membership packages to suit your financial and creative needs. All those attending open studio must have previous experience in clay. *Additional fees may apply.*

## Membership Level 1

\$25/month (\$45 value)

- 4 Open Studio sessions within the month.
- Your own storage shelf to keep your tools, clay and artwork.

## Membership Level 2

\$80/month (\$165 value)

- Access to ALL Open Studios (3 x week)
- Your own storage shelf to keep your tools, clay and artwork.
- Receive a 10% discount on classes for yourself!

## Membership Level 3

\$110/month (\$142 value)

- Access to ALL Open Studios (3 x week)
- Your own storage shelf to keep your tools, clay and artwork.
- Receive a 10% discount on classes for yourself!
- 25lbs bag of low-fire white clay
- 3 – 4oz cups of low-fire glaze (your choice of colors)
- 2 full kiln shelves per month in our regular firings. *\*Note: Unused kiln shelf space does not carry over to the next month.*

## Membership Level 4

\$150/month (\$242 value!!)

Along with ALL of the benefits of the *Membership Level 3*, you will be given access to the Ceramics studio during regular business hours EXCEPT during classes, summer camps, birthday parties and any other scheduled use of the clay studio.\*

*Monday - Thursday: 9am – 8pm, Friday & Saturday: 9am – 5pm*

*\*Subject to change with AE scheduling.*

BONUS: Interested in selling your work? During your membership month, if we have a special event in which we have space for vendors, your registration and table fee will be waived!

*We're excited to have you on board at the Artists' Exchange Ceramics Studio!!*

## **Resources**

Please feel free to look through our small library of ceramic books for inspiration and information. These are located across from the apron hooks.

### *RISD: Store 3D*

401-454-6354

Bank Building

27 North Main Street

Providence, RI 02903

### *Portland Pottery*

781-848-2772

87 Messina Drive

Braintree, MA 02184

[www.Portlandpottery.com](http://www.Portlandpottery.com)

### *Sheffield Pottery*

413-229-7700

995 N Main Street

Sheffield, MA 01257

[www.sheffield-pottery.com](http://www.sheffield-pottery.com)

ClayKing.com

CeramicsMonthly.com

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